

a tie layer of elastomeric material disposed between the first layer and the second layer holding the reinforcing grid but allowing slippage of the reinforcing grid in the tie layer upon tensile loading,

wherein the first layer, the second layer, the reinforcing grid and the tie layer are extrusion laminated together to form the reinforced shrink wrap, and wherein the elastomeric tie layer has a lower modulus than at least one of the thermoplastic layers.

2. (Amended) The extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 1 wherein the shrink film of highly irradiated polyolefin is polyethylene.

3. (Amended) The extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 1 wherein the reinforcing grid is a non-woven scrim.

4. (Amended) The extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 3 wherein the reinforcing grid material is selected from the group consisting of nylon filament and polyester filament from about 200 to about 800 denier.

6. (Amended) The extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 1 wherein at least one of said thermoplastic layers includes multiple plies of thermoplastic.

7. (Amended) The extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 1 wherein the tie layer is from about 0.75 to about 1.5 mils in thickness.

8. (Amended) The extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 1 wherein the first and second layers of thermoplastic are from about 0.75 to about 6 mils thick.

9. (Amended) The extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 1 wherein at least one of the thermoplastic layers includes an additive selected from the group consisting of ultraviolet stabilizer, flame retardant, static inhibitor, color additive, antioxidant, corrosion inhibitor, biocide and mixtures thereof.

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10. (Amended) The extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 1 wherein the tie layer includes an additive selected from the group consisting of ultraviolet stabilizer, flame retardant, static inhibitor, color additive, antioxidant, corrosion inhibitor, biocide and mixtures thereof.

11. (Amended) The extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 6 wherein at least one ply of thermoplastic contains an additive selected from the group consisting of ultraviolet stabilizer, flame retardant, static inhibitor, color additive, antioxidant, corrosion inhibitor, biocide and mixtures thereof.

12. (Amended) The extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 2 wherein the polyethylene is selected from the group consisting of linear low density polyethylene, low density polyethylene and mixtures thereof.

13. (Amended) A product cover made of the extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 1.

14. (Amended) An extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap comprising:

a layer of shrink film of highly irradiated polyethylene selected from the group consisting of linear low density polyethylene, low density polyethylene and mixtures thereof between about 0.75 and about 1.5 mils in thickness;

a layer of thermoplastic;

an elastomeric tie layer extrusion laminated between the layer of thermoplastic and the layer of shrink film;

a yarn selected from the group consisting of nylon and polyester in a crisscross grid pattern disposed in the elastomeric tie layer, the tie layer of holding yarn but allowing slippage of the yarn in the tie layer upon tensile loading and wherein the elastomeric tie layer has a lower modulus than the thermoplastic layer.

15. (Amended) A multi-layered extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap comprising:  
at least three layers of thermoplastic;

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at least one of the thermoplastic layers is a shrink film of highly irradiated polyolefin; and

at least two tie layers of elastomeric material alternatively disposed between the thermoplastic layers, each holding a reinforcing grid but allowing slippage of the reinforcing grid in the tie layer upon tensile loading,

wherein the layers of thermoplastic, the tie layers with the grid are extrusion laminated together to form the multi-layered reinforced shrink wrap, and

wherein the elastomeric tie layers have a lower modulus than at least one of the thermoplastic layers.

16. (Amended) The multi-layered extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 15 wherein the shrink film of highly irradiated polyolefin is polyethylene.

17. (Amended) The multi-layered extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 15 wherein the reinforcing grid is a non-woven scrim.

18. (Amended) The multi-layered extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 15 wherein the reinforcing grid is selected from the group consisting of nylon filament and polyester filament from about 200 to about 800 denier.

20. (Amended) The multi-layered extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 15 wherein at least one of said thermoplastic layers includes multiple thermoplastic plies.

21. (Amended) The multi-layered extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 15 wherein each of the tie layers is from about 0.75 to about 1.5 mils in thickness.

22. (Amended) The multi-layered extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 15 wherein the thermoplastic layers are from about 0.75 to about 6 mils thick.

23. (Amended) The multi-layered extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 15 wherein at least one of the thermoplastic layers contains an additive selected from the group consisting of

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ultraviolet stabilizer, flame retardant, static inhibitor, color additive, antioxidant, corrosion inhibitor, biocide and mixtures thereof.

24. (Amended) A product cover made of the multi-layered extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 15.

27. (Amended) An extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap obtained by the method comprising:

- providing two thermoplastic sheets, at least one of the sheets being a shrink film;
- placing a reinforcing grid between the two thermoplastic sheets;
- extruding an elastomeric material at an elevated temperature to form a tie layer between the two sheets, the tie layer being in contact with the reinforcing grid and the two thermoplastic sheets;
- extrusion laminating the two sheets and the reinforcing grid with the tie layer to form a reinforced shrink wrap; and
- controlling the thickness of the tie layer so that the shrink film does not begin to shrink substantially during laminating,
- wherein the reinforcing grid is held by the elastomeric tie layer between the two thermoplastic sheets after laminating, and
- wherein the elastomeric layer has a lower modulus than at least one of the thermoplastic layers.

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28. (Amended) The extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 27 wherein the shrink film is highly irradiated polyethylene.

29. (Amended) The extrusion-laminated reinforced shrink wrap of claim 27 wherein the reinforcing grid is a non-woven scrim.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-18, 20- 24 and 27-29 are pending in this application. Claims 1-4, 6-18, 20-